

WELCOME

You are invited to join us August 20 – 22, 2006 for the Midwestern States Association of Tax Administrators (MSATA) 46th Annual Conference, to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in beautiful northern Michigan.

The MSATA conference offers Midwestern tax administrators the opportunity to learn from each other and explore new developments in technology and tax software applications. The exhibition area will be open throughout the conference for your convenience and will provide opportunities to observe cutting edge technology for 21st century tax administration.

This site provides program information, registration instructions, and links to our Michigan travel guides including the beautiful Grand Traverse Resort site.

The Traverse City area is one of Michigan's crown jewels and features numerous indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family: boating, charter fishing, wine tasting, hiking, shopping and gaming.

Welcome to Michigan!



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Sincerely,

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Michigan Welcomes You To MSATA 2006: Building Bridges

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46th Annual Conference

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Grand Traverse Resort
100 Grand Traverse Village
Acme, Michigan 49610

Experience the Traverse City Area...

Shopping

Prime shopping stops include the prosperous downtown Traverse City; the resort shops of Grand Traverse Resort; and national retailers can be found in the Cherryland Center, the Grand Traverse Mall and the Horizon Outlet Center.

Antique Shops

Browsing through the antique shops of the Traverse City area is more than just a shopping trip – it's a treasure hunt that can lead to tiny cottages filled with exquisite prints and figurines, great barns overflowing with Americana, or even an "antique department store" with four whole floors of fascinating items.

Water Adventures

A variety of boats are available to rent throughout the region, including paddleboats, jet skis, rowing sculls, sailboats, fishing boats, ski-boats and houseboats for overnight and extended use.

Casinos

Gambling entertainment stops include the Leelanau Sands Casino of Suttons Bay and Turtle Creek Casino of Acme.

Traverse Area Recreation Trail

Over seven miles of paved pathway wind through the heart of downtown and beyond. The TART Trail is a year-round haven for foot-powered recreationalists.

Historical Sites

The City Opera House (1891) is a showcase facility with historic ambiance that offers the regional community a venue for performance, celebration and educational events for people of all ages.

Museums

Dennos Museum, Great Lakes Children's Museum, Grand Traverse Lighthouse & Museum, and the Grand Traverse Heritage Center are all located in the Traverse City area.

Old Mission Peninsula

The Old Mission Peninsula, a ridge of land 22 miles long and only a mile wide, contains some of the most beautiful scenery in the Great Lakes and makes a convenient day trip from nearby Traverse City. Known to locals simply as "The Peninsula," it is a place with a rich history that includes missionaries, lighthouse-keepers, farmers and innkeepers – and even some famous ghosts. Though it's now becoming a popular place for vacation homes, most of its hillsides are still covered with lush orchards, vineyards and award-winning wineries.

Sleeping Bear Dunes

Located 25 miles Northwest of Traverse City. A 70,000 acre park encompasses expansive coastal sand dunes, miles of beaches, hardwood forests, streams, lakes, and rugged bluffs towering as high as 450 feet above Lake Michigan.

Orchards and Vineyards

The deep waters of Grand Traverse Bay and the high ridges along its shores create a unique temperature-moderating environment for the growing of orchards and vineyards.

Wineries

Wineries line the Leelanau and Old Mission peninsulas and offer interesting and beautiful tasting rooms.

Golf

Golf Magazine ranked the Traverse City area number 12 on its list of the top 50 golf destinations.

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